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1. Yugoslav Political Representative General Jakob-Rade Avsic, the Commercial Attaché Gojko Djurisic, and one other member of the Yugoslav Mission left Vienna for Belgrade during the first week in July 1948. The third person may have been Attaché Drevonic (sic), who requested that his telephone be disconnected but who was present in Vienna on 12 July.

Cornent: Possibly Press Attaché Franc Drenovec.)

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- 2. At the same time, First Secretary Bogdon Krizman went to Salzburg on leave.
- 3. It is reported that the pro-Tito group is uneasy, fearing that the Soviets will eventually cone out on top. Hembers of this group also fear that they thenselves may already be under surveillance.
- 4. State Secretary Ferdinand Graf is reported to believe that the Slovene Liberation Front (Swobodilna Fronta) in Carinthia and Styria is about to break up as a result of the trouble between Tito and the Cominform. The five thousand members have split into three groups. The largest (no figures available) still favors Tito because it feels that it is his nationalist policy only that will return the border area to Tugoslavia. The second group comprises staunch Communists who adhere to the Moscow line and wish the O.F. to change its policy and condenn Tito. The third group, made up of Slovenes who joined the Liberation Front for reasons of personal security, believes that the danger of territorial cession is over and wishes to dissociate itself from the O.F.

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